

**South-Western City Schools
Minutes – Regular Meeting
January 8, 2024**

The South-Western City Board of Education met in regular session on January 8, 2024, 7:10 p.m. with the following members present:

Denise D’Angelo Steele
Julie Liskany
Kelli Martindale
Camille Peterson
Chris Boso

24-07 Ms. Martindale moved that the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented for the January 8, 2024 Regular Meeting.

Ms. Liskany seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Ms. Martindale, Aye; Ms. Liskany, Aye; Mrs. D’Angelo Steele, Aye;
Mrs. Peterson, Aye; Mr. Boso, Aye.

Motion Carried

24-08 Ms. Martindale moved that the Board of Education approve the meeting minutes for the December 11, 2023 and December 12, 2023 meetings as attached.

Mrs. Peterson seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Ms. Martindale, Aye; Mrs. Peterson, Aye; Mrs. D’Angelo Steele, Aye;
Ms. Liskany, Aye; Mr. Boso, Aye.

Motion Carried

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BOARD REPORTS

There were no Board Reports

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS

1. Simone Amsden – Principal Kauffeld
 - a. Ms. Amsden provided a written statement to the Board and read her statement aloud.
 - b. Ms. Amsden stated that she is a building substitute for Buckeye Woods Elementary.
 - c. Ms. Amsden stated that she is expressing concern about an item on the agenda regarding the termination of Principal Kauffeld.
 - d. Ms. Amsden stated that she has worked alongside Ms. Kauffeld for eight years.
 - e. Ms. Amsden stated that Ms. Kauffeld is the epitome of how an educator should perform and conduct themselves day to day.
 - f. Ms. Amsden stated that she believes there has been a misunderstanding and that it does not make sense to ruin someone’s 25+ years in the district with a flawless track record.
 - g. Ms. Amsden asked those in support of Ms. Kauffeld to stand.
 - h. Ms. Amsden stated that to terminate Principal Kauffeld on her first offense seems targeted.
 - i. Ms. Amsden stated that perhaps protocol was not properly addressed, but we should also be human and understand that no one is perfect and we all make mistakes.
 - j. Ms. Amsden stated that other situations in the district have been handled differently.
2. Vin Cahill – Principal Kauffeld
 - a. Mr. Cahill stated that he is a former teacher who worked for nine different principals.
 - b. Mr. Cahill stated that he feels Ms. Kauffeld was the best principal he ever worked for.

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- c. Mr. Cahill stated that Ms. Kauffeld has the largest administrator to student ratio for any administrator in the District.
- d. Mr. Cahill stated that it would be wrong to terminate Ms. Kauffeld.
- e. Mr. Cahill gave examples of Ms. Kauffeld's visibility in the school.
- 3. Mike Kauffeld – Principal Kauffeld
 - a. Mr. Kauffeld stated that he spoke in support of his wife, Ms. Kauffeld.
 - b. Mr. Kauffeld stated that he and Ms. Kauffeld are often stopped in grocery stores by supportive students.
 - c. Mr. Kauffeld gave examples of other disciplinary actions to school employees he deemed to be more severe.
 - d. Mr. Kauffeld gave examples of Ms. Kauffeld's accomplishments.
 - e. Mr. Kauffeld stated that he would like the Board to reconsider their action based on Mrs. Kauffeld's track record.

STUDENT AND STAFF ACHIEVEMENT LIAISON REPORT

Ms. Martindale provided a Student and Staff Achievement Liaison Report as follows:

Central Crossing High School's NJROTC Cadets provided multiple Color Guards supporting the Elks Lodge with their Charitable Giving Night, the Lions Club Annual Christmas Party and including the Wreaths Across America ceremony.

Congratulations are also in order to Central Crossing High School for being named this year's winner of the White Christmas Holiday Food Drive benefiting the Grove City Food Pantry. CCHS was the Grove City area school in the District with the highest donation amount and will be recognized later on this month. Congratulations Comets!

SWCSD Gives Back

In December, The Charitable Pharmacy of Central Ohio hosted 12 South-Western Career Academy (SWCA) Multi-Skilled Health seniors as volunteers who volunteered for 24 hours of their time by sorting a supply of donated medications and pulling the bubble-packed medication boards that the local Charitable Pharmacy needed. This pharmacy receives donated, unexpired, prescription medicine, and with the donations, they can then fill prescriptions for community members in the Columbus area who fall below designated poverty levels. Great job!

Last month, DSC staff donated 175 blankets to students and families in need during their annual Gives Back donation drive. These blankets specifically will go towards supporting families with transitional housing needs this winter.

24-09 **Ms. Liskany moved** that the Board of Education approve the Fiscal & Operational Management items as presented

- 1. Revised Permanent Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2024

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the revised permanent appropriations for December 2024. (See X-1)

[X-1.pdf \(70 KB\)](#)

- 2. Investments & Financial Statements for December 2023

It is recommended that the Board of Education in accordance with Section 135.14 of the Ohio Revised Code approve December investments (See X-2) and Cash Position Report (See X-3).

[X-2.pdf \(109 KB\)](#)

[X-3.pdf \(63 KB\)](#)

- 3. Payment of Bills

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It is recommended that the Board of Education approve payment of bills according to the list of checks for the month of December 2023. (See X-4)

[X-4.pdf \(117 KB\)](#)

4. Donations

It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the donations of \$7,496.70 as detailed in X-5 and authorize letters of appreciation be sent to the donors.

[X-5.pdf \(80 KB\)](#)

5. Authorization to Pay Bills in Accordance with Section 5705.41 Ohio Revised Code

It is recommended that the Board of Education authorize the Treasurer to pay bills for December which were not processed in accordance with Section 5705.41 Ohio Revised Code. (See X-6)

[X-6.pdf \(71 KB\)](#)

6. Approve Amended ESSER III Plan

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the amended Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER) III Plan as presented. (See X-7)

[X-7.pdf \(127 KB\)](#)

7. Resolution for the Authorization of the Purchase of Competitive Retail Natural Gas Services from the Lowest Responsible Bid through a Consortium

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the resolution, as presented, for the authorization of the purchase of competitive retail natural gas services from the lowest responsible bid through a consortium.

BOARD RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING SOUTH-WESTERN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, ACTING JOINTLY AS A MEMBER OF THE OHIO SCHOOL CONSORTIUM (“CONSORTIUM”)^[1], TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR THE PURCHASE OF COMPETITIVE RETAIL NATURAL GAS SERVICE FROM THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER SUBMITTED TO CONSORTIUM AND AUTHORIZING THE BOARD TO PURCHASE COMPETITIVE RETAIL NATURAL GAS SERVICE FROM SUCH BIDDER.

WHEREAS, in prior years, South-Western City School District has joined with other school districts and educational purchasing councils, acting jointly as a member of the Consortium, to conduct a Request for Proposal (“RFP”) for competitive natural gas service commencing on or about mid-February 2024;

WHEREAS, through prior RFP processes, the Consortium has selected the lowest responsible bids submitted in response to RFPs; and the School District has previously elected to enter into a Master Supply Agreement with the lowest responsible bidder for competitive retail natural gas service for all of the School District's natural gas supply;

WHEREAS, the Consortium intends to issue a new RFP for competitive retail natural gas service commencing with the July, 2025 billing cycle and terminating no later than the end of the June, 2030 billing cycle for participating school districts and education purchasing councils;

WHEREAS, the School District wishes to participate in this upcoming RFP process and potentially execute a Master Service Agreement with the lowest responsible RFP bidder; and

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WHEREAS, the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee will review the lowest responsible bid and corresponding terms when the RFP is concluded and determine whether the RFP resulted in the lowest responsible bid for competitive retail natural gas service for all of the School District's natural gas supply.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY SOUTH-WESTERN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, COUNTY OF FRANKLIN, STATE OF OHIO, as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Education of the School District does hereby consent, as a member of the Ohio School Consortium to the conducting of an RFP process by the Consortium for competitive retail natural gas service commencing with the July, 2025 billing cycle and terminating no later than the end of the June, 2030 billing cycle, with bids to be submitted for one, two and three year periods on such terms and conditions as the Consortium deems appropriate.

Section 2. The Board of Education of the School District does hereby authorize the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee to execute a Master Supply Agreement between the School District and the lowest responsible bidder in the RFP so long as the Superintendent or his appointee finds that the price reflects the results of a public and competitive RFP process.

Section 3. The Board of Education hereby directs the Treasurer to review the lowest responsible bid once received and the Master Supply Agreement and determine if the School District has sufficient funds to certify this resolution and, if the Treasurer so finds, to certify this resolution.

^[1] The members of the Consortium are the Metropolitan Education Council, the Ohio Mid-Eastern Regional Education Service Agency, the Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Council, the Stark County Schools Council of Governments, Columbus City Schools, and South-Western City Schools.

Ms. Martindale seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Ms. Liskany, Aye; Ms. Martindale, Aye; Mrs. D'Angelo Steele, Aye;
Mrs. Peterson, Aye; Mr. Boso, Aye.

Motion Carried

24-10 **Ms. Martindale moved** that the Board of Education approve the Students/School/Community items as presented.

1. Grove City High School Marching Band to Travel to Hawaii

WHEREAS, the Grove City High School Marching Band has been invited to perform at the Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum in Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, the trip is planned for March 22-28, 2025 and students will miss zero days of classes; and

WHEREAS, 220 students will be accompanied by 30 adult chaperones; and

WHEREAS, transportation will be via airplane and charter bus and accommodations will be at a 3-4 star level hotel; and

WHEREAS, trip expenses will be paid by students/parents and fundraising;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the South-Western City School District's Board of Education hereby authorizes the Grove City High School Marching Band to travel to Hawaii.

2. Request for Modifications to Approved Out-of-State/Overnight Trip

On October 9, 2023, the Board of Education approved a trip request for Grove City High School NJRTOC to travel to Key West, FL, April 5-7, 2024. It is requested the trip location be changed to the USS Yorktown in Charleston, South Carolina and the dates be revised to April 4-6, 2024.

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Mrs. Peterson seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Ms. Martindale, Aye; Mrs. Peterson, Aye; Mrs. D'Angelo Steele, Aye;
Ms. Liskany, Aye; Mr. Boso, Aye.

Motion Carried

24-11 **Ms. Martindale moved** that the Board of Education adjourn to Executive Session according to Policy 0166 to consider the dismissal, discipline or demotion of public employees.

Mrs. Peterson seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Ms. Martindale, Aye; Mrs. Peterson, Aye; Mrs. D'Angelo Steele, Aye;
Ms. Liskany, Aye; Mr. Boso, Aye.

Motion Carried

The Board of Education adjourned to Executive Session at 7:32 p.m.; they reconvened the meeting at 9:37 p.m. with all attending members present.

Roll Call:

Mrs. D'Angelo Steele, Aye; Ms. Liskany, Aye; Ms. Martindale, Aye;
Mrs. Peterson, Aye; Mr. Boso, Aye.

Motion Carried

24-12 **Mrs. Peterson moved** that the Board of Education approve the Personnel items as presented.

CERTIFICATED RESIGNATIONS

1. Resignations - Regular

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location/Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Forney, Melissa L.	PSIS/Art	12/14/23

2. Resignations - Retirement

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location/Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Robinson, Amy J.	DES/Read Spec	5/31/24

ADMINISTRATIVE EMPLOYMENT

1. Interim Appointment

BARTON, TIMOTHY F. - It is recommended that Mr. Barton be approved as an Interim Principal effective January 8, 2024. He will be paid \$557.00 per day, time sheets to be submitted.

CERTIFICATED CHANGES IN EMPLOYMENT STATUS

1. Jury Duty

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location/Position</u>	<u>Date Jury Duty Commences</u>
Hays, Carrie E.	SWCA/Science	1/16/24

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Lawless, Marion F.	BPMS/7 SS	12/14/23
Micale, Jenna A.	Adapted PE/RAES	1/16/24

CERTIFICATED EMPLOYMENTS

1. Supplemental Contract Recommendations for Extra Duty

The following teachers have been nominated for supplemental contract assignments for the 2023-2024 school year. In accordance with Section 3319.08 of the Ohio Revised Code, it is necessary that the Board formally employ and grant supplemental contracts to these persons, to be paid in accordance with the current adopted salary schedule for supplemental duties. The Board of Education's obligation for these supplemental (Extra Duty) contracts is contingent upon the employee fulfilling the required certifications in the Board policy and State Board of Education Rules 3301-27-01 and 3301-27-02 and maintaining current certification in those areas.

Supplemental Contract Recommendations for Extra Duty 1.8.24.pdf (139 KB)

2. Volunteer Coaches

It is recommended that the following volunteer coaches be approved as indicated in accordance with the Board's volunteer policy for the 2023-2024 school year.

Central Crossing High School

Christy, Derrek - Wrestling

Westland High School

Jude, Trent - Wrestling

3. Substitute Teachers

In accordance with provisions of Section 3319.10 of the Ohio Revised Code, the following persons are recommended as substitute teachers for the 2023-2024 school year, in accordance with the salary schedule for substitutes adopted by the South-Western City Schools Board of Education. This employment is contingent upon subsequent receipt by the Board of a report from BCII which complies with the provision of ORC 3319.31 and 3319.39(B)(3). *Denotes SWCS retiree

Name

Absten, Lauren E.

Bell, Stacy C.

Malkowski, Emma N.

Merchant, Quantez T.

Schnegg, Anne E.

Wilcox, Carol J.

Wolfe, Connor J.

4. Substitute Pool

The following persons are nominated for the substitute pool at a rate of \$145 per day effective as indicated. This employment is contingent upon receipt by the Board of a report from BCII which complies with the provisions of ORC 3319.31 and 3319.39 (B)(3).

<u>Name</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Russell, Sarah E.	1/8/24
Shadid, Maisa R.	1/8/24
Smathers, Rachel A.	12/12/23

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5. Substitute Teachers in Long-Term Assignments

In accordance with the provisions of Section 3319.226 of the Ohio Revised Code, the following persons are recommended for approval by the Board of Education for the long-term assignment indicated for the first semester of the 2023-2024 school year.

<u>Substitute Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Ames, Stacy R.	S Ed Pre-School	SFRC	Vacancy
Bible, Starla L.	Intervention Spec	FWIS	Vacancy
Cottrill, Scott	3rd Grade	HES	Vacancy
Haynes, Jalen C.	7th Grade	JMS	Vacancy
Hootman, Jeffery C.	TESOL	HPES	LOA
Jimison, Emma G.	8th SC	JMS	Vacancy
Keitch, Susan M.	Art	PSIS	Vacancy
Lute, Deanna M.	5th Grade	HIS	Vacancy
Odumosu-Doherty, Temitope	TESOL	JMS/BPMS	Vacancy
Smathers, Rachel A.	5th Grade	HCIS	Vacancy
Snyder, Kenneth R.	Intervention Spec	JMS	LOA
Speakman Jr., Troy A.	Intervention Spec	WHS	Vacancy
Stephens, Gretchen E.	S Ed Pre-School	FES	Vacancy
Sturgill, Danielle M.	3rd Grade	EFES	Vacancy
Swanson, Beth Ann	TESOL	HPES	LOA
Woltman-Frollini, Katherine L.	3rd Grade	EFES	Vacancy

6. Adult Training Hub Instructor

The following person is recommended as an Adult Training Hub Instructor for the 2023-2024 school year, to be paid the hourly rate indicated, time sheets to be submitted. Courses taught will be held at the South-Western Career Academy. This is funded through State of Ohio funds that are allotted for Adult Training Hub.

Instructor:

Doran, Joshua D. - Broadband Instructor (\$50 per hour)

CLASSIFIED RESIGNATIONS

1. Resignations - Regular

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location/Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Corbin, Erin S.	JMS/ED Aide	12/22/23
Hatfield, Edgar	SWCA/LR Monitor	1/16/24
Miller, Brian S.	HCIS/Hd Custodian-2	1/1/24
Salmans, Charlene F.	TRANS/Bus Aide	12/13/23
Snyder, Roberta S.	SFRS/Pre-Inst	12/8/23

2. Resignations - Retirement

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Location/Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Farah, Mohamoud A.	SES/Bilingual Asst.	6/30/24

3. Resignations - Substitutes

<u>Name</u>	<u>Substitute Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Cordle, Makayla S.	Monitor	9/22/23
Houston, Janeer L.	Aide	12/21/23

4. Resignations - Supplementals

<u>Location/Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
<u>WESTLAND HIGH SCHOOL</u>		
Head Girls' Basketball Coach	Hunnicut, Christopher T.	12/13/23
Asst. Girls' Basketball Coach	Martinez, Brooklynn T.	12/13/23

5. Job Abandonment - Supplementals

THOMISON JR. SAMUEL L. - It is recommended that Mr. Thomison, Asst. Girls' Basketball Coach at Central Crossing High School, be removed from employment due to job abandonment effective at the end of the day December 4, 2023. The Board of Education authorizes the Assistant Superintendent - Personnel to provide written notice of the Board's action to Mr. Thomison.

CLASSIFIED CHANGES IN EMPLOYMENT STATUS

1. Change of Assignment/Hours/Days

<u>Name</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Old Assignment/Hours/Days/Location</u>	<u>New Assignment Hours/Days/Location</u>
Alexander, Tamara L.	1/8/24	Sp Ed Aide/7.0/189/PVMS	Custodian/8.0/260/JCSES
Higgins, Cindy L.	12/27/23	Secy II/8.0/213/SWPSC	SR OP/8.0/260/DSC
Kreuser, Steven T.	12/29/23	Custodian/SWCA/HCIS	Hd Cust I/BCES

2. Request for Leave of Absence

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location/Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective Date of Leave</u>
Broeker, Sommer E.	PNES/Asmt Aide	Continue Education	1/17/24 through 5/31/24
Kelly, Barb A.	PLES/Cook	Medical	12/12/23 through 5/31/24
Moore, Yvonne M.	GCHS/ERC Aide	Medical	12/18/23 through 6/6/24
Winegardner, Leigha L.	PNES/PS Sp Ed Aide	Maternity	1/8/24 through 5/31/24

3. Request for Reinstatement from Leave of Absence

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location/Position</u>	<u>Date of Reinstatement</u>
Cordiano, Sandra J.	DES/ED Aide	12/15/23

4. Jury Duty

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Location/Position</u>	<u>Date Jury Duty Commences</u>
Cotton, Natalie A.	HPES/Asmt Aide	1/8/24

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYMENTS

1. Personnel Appointments

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary Per Hour/ Hours</u>	<u>Effective Date Term of Employment</u>	<u>Location</u>
Bibbs, Rodney M.	LR Monitor	\$15.08/4.0	1/18/24 through 5/31/24	SWCA
Callahan, Sarah V.	Asmt Aide	\$18.88/6.5	12/4/23 through 5/30/24	AHES/BCES
Flores, Ruben	Sp Ed Aide-ED	\$20.77/6.5	12/12/23 through 5/30/24	PNES
Oltman-Dutton, Claudia C.	Bilingual Asst	\$18.88/7.0	12/11/23 through 5/30/24	WHS
Phillips, Carla M.	Bus Driver	\$21.39/6.0	12/11/23 through 5/31/24	TRANS
Rollins, Quintin F.	Bus Driver	\$21.39/6.0	12/11/23 through 5/31/24	TRANS
Smith, George M.	Custodian	\$19.93/8.0	12/6/23 for 12 months	MES/HIS
Taylor, Samantha J.	Cook	\$17.54/3.0	12/11/23 through 5/31/24	DWES
Taylor, Sheila A.	Hall Monitor	\$15.08/7.0	12/11/23 through 5/30/24	SWCA
Wheeler, Lori L.	Custodian	\$19.93/8.0	1/8/24 for 12 months	GRIS

2. Classified Substitutes

It is recommended that the following persons be approved for "on call" work on an hourly basis in the positions indicated, effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. They will be paid the hourly rate indicated, time sheets to be submitted. This employment is contingent upon subsequent receipt by the Board of a report from BCI, which complies with the provisions of ORC 3319.31 and 3319.39(B)(3). It is understood that all requirements for operation of a school bus in the State of Ohio must be met before substitute bus drivers can be called to work.

Substitute Bus Driver - \$19.32 per hour (*SWCS Retiree - \$23.42 per hour)

Arnold, Tina L.

Substitute Clerical - \$14.00 per hour (*SWCS Retiree - \$19.53 per hour)

Banghoff, Jill E.

Brown, Eddina M.*

Substitute SED, DH, Bus Aide - \$15.84 per hour (*SWCS Retiree - \$18.88 per hour)

Castle, Arielle M.

Nash, Heather M.

Substitute Aide - \$14.00 per hour (*SWCS Retiree - \$18.88 per hour)

Nash, Heather M.

3. Permanent Appointment Recommendations

The following employees have successfully completed their probationary period and are recommended for permanent employment on the effective date shown:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
East, Amie C.	Secretary II	2/1/24	GRIS
Vaughn, Morgan L.	Secretary II	1/29/24	NMS
Waples, Amy M.	Secretary II	1/30/24	PVMS

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RECOMMENDATION AND RESOLUTION TO CONSIDER TERMINATION OF EMPLOYEE'S CONTRACT

1. Recommendation to Consider Termination of Employee's Contract

The Superintendent recommends that the Board consider termination of the contract of employee Jennifer Kauffeld for good and just cause pending the completion of termination proceedings for her contract. The Superintendent further recommends that Jennifer Kauffeld be immediately suspended without pay or fringe benefits pending the completion of termination proceedings for her contract.

2. Resolution to Consider Termination of Employee's Contract

WHEREAS this Board believes that the conduct of its employee, Jennifer Kauffeld, constitutes sufficient grounds for termination of her contract under §3319.16 of the Ohio Revised Code, and that the character of the charges against her warrant her immediate suspension without pay or other fringe benefits pending completion of termination proceedings and final action to terminate her contract; and

WHEREAS Jennifer Kauffeld has been given the opportunity to appear before an administrator to explain why her contract should not be considered for termination and action should not be taken against her.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that this Board proceed to consider the termination of the contract of Jennifer Kauffeld for good and just cause; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Jennifer Kauffeld be suspended without pay or other fringe benefits during the pendency of termination proceedings, such suspension to be effective January 9, 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer, after consultation with legal counsel, prepare and mail to Jennifer Kauffeld, by certified mail and regular mail, a notice of this action, which notice shall include a specification of the grounds for the proposed termination.

Ms. Martindale seconded the motion.

Mrs. Peterson stated for informational purposes that this is a two-pronged process in accordance with Ohio Revised Code where the employee is afforded a hearing by the entity of her choice. A vote today would advance the process to the next step of due process.

Roll Call:

Mrs. Peterson, Aye; Ms. Martindale, Aye; Mrs. D'Angelo Steele, Aye;
Ms. Liskany, Aye; Mr. Boso, No on item in regards to the resolution of termination, Aye on rest.

Motion Carried

Mr. Boso stated that this is an on-going investigation.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION RELATIVE TO NON-AGENDA ITEMS

1. Dr. Kelly Dillon – Transparency in the District.
 - a. Dr. Dillon stated that she had prepared remarks about protecting freedom of speech and the importance of community involvement.
 - b. Dr. Dillon stated that instead she will be changing topics.
 - c. Dr. Dillon stated that she understands there are rules to follow in regards to transparency.
 - d. Dr. Dillon stated that transparency is important and that she urges the Board to be transparent when they are not on the dais.
 - e. Dr. Dillon asked that proceedings be more open.
 - f. Dr. Dillon stated that the community wants speech and they are not getting speech.
 - g. Dr. Dillon stated that she will discuss other districts' policies at future meetings.
2. Christina Shore – Re-evaluate policy on service animals.

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- a. Ms. Shore stated that she is a school counselor at Westland High School.
 - b. Ms. Shore stated that the Board should reevaluate the policy on allowing service animals in school buildings.
 - c. Ms. Shore stated that the policy has prevented the permanent placement of Deputy Metz with her canine therapy dog, Deputy Mattis.
 - d. Ms. Shore stated that Deputy Metz understands the Westland HS community and is invested in its students and families.
 - e. Ms. Shore stated examples of Deputy Mattis' training.
 - f. Ms. Shore stated that Deputy Mattis is good for the Westland HS community.
3. Mike Absten – Leadership
 - a. Ms. Chandra Frederick had previously signed up to speak, but gave up her timeslot for Mr. Absten.
 - b. Mr. Absten stated that he is a product of South-Western City Schools and had students in the District.
 - c. Mr. Absten stated that he is a pilot and he has guidelines he must follow, just as administrators have guidelines.
 - d. Mr. Absten stated that when you become a leader, you realize that situations are not always black and white.
 - e. Mr. Absten gave examples of being a leader in his profession.
 - f. Mr. Absten stated that with the absence of a good leader in a school, people no longer feel that they can make decisions.
 - g. Mr. Absten stated that leaders should support their people.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Board Items
 - a. Mrs. D'Angelo Steele asked about the process for getting items on the agenda.
 - b. Dr. Wise stated to send requested items to the Board President, Superintendent, and/or Treasurer.

24-13 Mr. Boso moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Mrs. Peterson seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Mrs. Peterson, Aye;	Mrs. D'Angelo Steele, Aye;	Ms. Liskany, Aye;
Ms. Martindale, Aye;	Mr. Boso, Aye.	

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

Chris Boso
President

Hugh W. Garside, Jr.
Treasurer